

November 12, 2003

Board Members
South Macomb Disposal Authority
20001 Pleasant Avenue
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Dear Board Members:

We have recently completed our audit of the financial statements of the South Macomb Disposal Authority for the year ended June 30, 2003. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible. This report is intended solely for the use of the Board Members and others within the Authority.

Auditor's Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the South Macomb Disposal Authority in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The following paragraphs explain our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets and for devising internal controls that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's responsibility. We may make suggestions as to the form or content of the financial statements or even draft them, in whole or in part, based on management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the representations of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than with those items of lesser importance

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or those in which the possibility of material error is remote. For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

Internal Controls

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of South Macomb Disposal Authority for the year ended June 30, 2003, we considered the Authority's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control. However, we noted matters involving the internal control and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Authority's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Segregation of accounting duties is a fundamental control activity that separates the duties of authorization, recordkeeping, and custody of assets. Incompatible functions place a person in the position to both perpetrate and conceal errors or fraud in the normal course of his or her duties. Due to its limited staff size, the Authority does not have an adequate segregation of accounting duties. In addition, several significant, nonrecurring, complex transactions, though properly authorized by Board approval, were not reflected in the accounting records in a timely fashion and had to be recorded as adjusting entries during the audit. We consider both of these items to be reportable conditions.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal

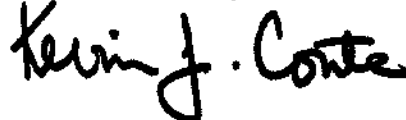
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course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we do not believe that the reportable conditions noted above are material weaknesses.

As always, we thank the Board for the opportunity to serve. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the annual financial report, and would be pleased to discuss the above comments and recommendations with you at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Plante & Moran, PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin J. Conte". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin J. Conte